

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Bus Rapid Transit Project for the City of Syracuse in the 2021 surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The sponsor for this project is the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, located at 200 Cortland Ave, Syracuse, New York 13205, and this project would be carried out within the City of Syracuse, New York.

The requested funding amount of \$15,000,000 would be used toward implementing Bus Rapid Transit on the Eastwood to Onondaga Community College route corridor, the Syracuse University to William F. Walsh Regional Transportation Center route corridor and improvements to the South Salina Street Route corridor through signal pre-emption, themed bus stops and bus shelters, bus pull offs, and branded vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have significant benefits for my constituents in Syracuse and the surrounding region. Specifically, this project will provide faster, more frequent, and more reliable transit services between residential areas and activity centers in the City of Syracuse. In addition to providing enhanced transit services for the entire community, this project will help to promote economic development and improve the quality of life in our region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John Katko
Member of Congress